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Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, SW

Washington, DC 20423

My husband and myself own a home in the Village

of Frankfort. We live in the subdivision immediately north of the Frederick Subdivision, called Plank Creek

Estate. The back of our Home Owners Association.

We have lived in this subdivision for almost 5 years.

We found out the 157 year that we are unable to

sleep with the windows open due to the noise

from the freight train. They lay on the horn

and the humming and the whining is

heard for quite a long distance. Even

though we are not in the Frederick subdivision,

which has the trucks directly running through it,

we can still hear the train, day or night,

even with the doors and windows locked.

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When we realized we are only hearing 6 trains in 24 hours and if Canadian National purchases the Tracks they will be running 30 trains in 24 hours That is much too much frequent loud noise, Congestion and Ground Shaking. These tracks were constructed along time ago. Neighborhoods flourish around them now because the train noise is tolerable. However to increase it by 5 times is unthinkable. Homes will go up for sale / Neighborhoods will deteriorate / Crime will increase. People that can afford to will move elsewhere.

Frankfort is a beautiful town. We moved here for peace and quiet. Prior to that we lived in Orland Park. The noise and traffic there produces alot of stress and a very poor environment. There is so much Farm land so close to these tracks South of Sauk trail that Canadian National could easily purchase necessary parcels from Farmers, lay tracks to extend rail far enough away from affected neighborhoods and build bridges and crossings where necessary. The owners of this railway would not want this in their backyards. And Neither do we. Sincerely - Jim and Karen Gray